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## THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Annex XIV, Chapter 5, Section B, paragraph (d) thereto,

## Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIV, Chapter 5, Section B, paragraph (a) to the 2003 Act of Accession provides that the structural requirements laid down in Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat<sup>(2)</sup> and in Annexes A and B to Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products<sup>(3)</sup> are not to apply to establishments in Slovakia listed in the Appendix<sup>(4)</sup> to Annex XIV to the Act of Accession until 31 December 2006, subject to certain conditions.
- (2) The Appendix to Annex XIV to the 2003 Act of Accession has been amended by Commission Decision 2004/463/EC<sup>(5)</sup> and 2005/189/EC<sup>(6)</sup>.
- (3) According to an official declaration from the Slovak competent authority three meat establishments have completed their upgrading process and are now in full compliance with Community legislation. These establishments should therefore be deleted from the list of establishments in transition.
- (4) One meat establishment on the list of establishments in transition has made considerable efforts to comply with structural requirements laid down by Community legislation. However, this establishment is not in position to finish its upgrading process by the prescribed deadline due to exceptional technical constraints. Therefore it is justified to allow it further time to complete the upgrading process.

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- (5) The Appendix to Annex XIV to the 2003 Act of Accession should therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, it should be replaced.
- (6) The Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health has been informed of the measures provided for in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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- **(1)** OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 33.
- OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33; corrected version in OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 12).
- (3) OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC.
- (4) OJ C 227 E, 23.9.2003, p. 1654.
- (5) OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 138; corrected version in OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 95.
- (6) OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 34.